

that. I think this is the essence of good government, keeping people informed of what is happening in their community. The neighborhood associations can then go forward and tell other people in the community. It saves the expense, many people don't read the notification in the legal papers so this simply provides one opportunity that I think is minimal really that people be informed of what's taking place in their neighborhood. With that, I would conclude and would certainly be happy to answer any questions. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Preister. Any discussion of LB 140? Seeing none, Senator Preister. He waives closing. The question is the advancement to E & R Initial of LB 140. All in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance LB 140 to E & R Initial.

SENATOR CROSBY: The bill advances. LB 207.

ASSISTANT CLERK: LB 207 was introduced by Senators Day and Hillman. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 9th, referred to the Urban Affairs Committee. Urban Affairs reports the bill to General File with committee amendments attached.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Hartnett, on the committee amendments.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Madam President and members of the Legislature, in 1990 the people of the state adopted the amendment to Article VIII, Section 2 of the Nebraska Constitution to authorize cities and villages to appropriate funds for a local source of revenue if it is after a vote of the people. And what Senator Day and Senator Hillman brought a bill was to allow...get into the housing, because there's a housing shortage, I believe, in the City of Norfolk, low..kind of subsidized housing, and so...and that was what the...I think the bill does and "reterms". And what we have done, or the committee has done, the Urban Affairs Committee has done with it is that the program could include grants or loans for the rehabilitation of a housing for the purpose of low or moderate income, could also involve the lease of such housing as well as the sale. The amendment would also expand the definition of qualifying business to include those engaged in the rehabilitation as well as construction of housing for persons of